Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme

*310. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the free dom fighter applicants are asked to produce records of imprisonment etc. before sanctionAig the pension under Swatantrata Sainik Srjnman Peniion, Scheme, 1980.

(b) whether such pensioners wera granted pension earlier by obtaining one co-prisoner certificate without any other record; and

(c) whether Government will consider granting such pension to the freednm fighters who have already submitted a co-prisoner certificate in Golden Jubilee year of Inde;:endence7

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA: (a) to (c) Persons, who consider themselves eligible for pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pensirn Scheme, 1980, should apply in the prescribed application form duly filled rn and supported by required documents as (proof of claim of suffsrings undergone during' the freedom struggle.

Earlier, under the Freedom Fighters Pension Scheme, 1972 pensio-n was granted to those who claimed imprisonment/ detention during the freedom struggle, on production of certificates from the con-ceraed jail authorities. District Magistrates or the State Governments. In case of non-availability of such crtificates, co-'T'Soner certificate from a sitting MP or MLA or from an ex-MP or an ex-MLA stiecifying the iail period was a:ce-pfed subiect to fulfilment of other cofl-dit'on-: of eligibility prescribed under the Scheme.

However, under the Swatantrtita Sinik Samman tension Schprne. 1980. nensi'on is granted to those who claimed impri sonment/drtintion during the freedom struggle, on production of the following liocument(s):-

Certificate from the concerned jail authority. District Magistrate or the State GoveiMment, indicating period of sentence awarded, date of admi'ssion, da'.e of release and reasons for release. In the absence of such certificates from official records, a Non-availability of records certificate (NARC) from the concerned authorities alongwith Co-prisoners Certificate (CPC) as under:—

(i) Two Co-prisoners' Certificates from the freedom fighter pensioners who had a proven jail suffering of one year.

OR

(ii) One Co-prisoner's Certiiicale from a sittiug/former MP or MLA 'specifying his jail period and that of the applicant.

In connection with the Golden Jubilee Year of Independence, the Ccvitrol Government has constituted a joint Committee of Freedom Fighters and Officials to look into various problems of freedom fignters. The functions of the Joint Committer inter-alia include to review the existing procedure under the Scheme for expeditious di'sposal of pension cases. The Joint Committee has not yet considered this aspect and furnished its recommendations for consideration of the Govern-ment_

Supply of arms fo ultras in N.E. States

*311. DR. Y. LAKSHMl PRASAD:

SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(at whether it is a fact that the surplus ai-ms of KhmRouge have been reaching the militant srops of the North-Eastem States of India;

(b) if so, whether it has been examined as to how these arms are routed into India; and